

Introduced by Senator Ackerman

February 24, 2006

An act to add and repeal Chapter 3.2 (commencing with Section 58525) to Part 31 of the Education Code, relating to laptop computers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1736, as introduced, Ackerman. One-to-One Laptop Computer Pilot Program.

Existing law provides one-time installation grants and ongoing technology support and staff training grants to school districts and county offices of education for projects at high schools through the Digital High School Education Technology Grant Act of 1997. Existing law also requires the State Department of Education to administer the California Technology Assistance Project to provide a regionalized network of technical assistance to schools and school districts on the implementation of education technology.

This bill would establish the One-to-One Laptop Computer Pilot Program to be administered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The bill would permit a school district to submit an application to the Superintendent to receive a grant for the establishment of, or to support the continuation of, an existing one-to-one laptop computer program, as specified. This bill would require a school district to demonstrate that the one-to-one laptop program for which the school district has applied for a grant is voluntary and that plans are in place for teacher training and professional development and for annual evaluation of the program, in order to be eligible to receive a grant under the program.

This bill would require the Superintendent to award grants on a competitive basis to 5 applicant school districts for the establishment of a one-to-one laptop computer program in each of the selected

school districts, as specified. The bill would require the Superintendent to consider whether the proposed or existing, if applicable, programs of the applicant school districts meet certain criteria when selecting grant recipients.

The bill also permits a participating school district to conduct this program in conjunction with or in addition to specified programs and to use funding from this program to supplement contributions received pursuant to a specified governing board policy under certain conditions. The bill also provides that laptop computers provided as part of this program are not instructional materials under specified provisions.

This bill would declare the pilot program to be inoperative on and after July 1, 2012, and repealed as of January 1, 2013.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 3.2 (commencing with Section 58525)
2 is added to Part 31 of the Education Code, to read:

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4 CHAPTER 3.2. ONE-TO-ONE LAPTOP COMPUTER PILOT
5 PROGRAM
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7 58525. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the
8 One-to-One Laptop Computer Pilot Program Act of 2006.

9 58526. (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that a
10 primary goal of the One-to-One Laptop Computer Pilot Program
11 is to increase the technological diversity of the public educational
12 offering of California by making access to individual laptop
13 computers available to those pupils who, because of their unique
14 individual needs, will benefit from individual laptop
15 computer-enhanced education.

16 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the one-to-one laptop
17 computer programs operated pursuant to this chapter provide
18 equal access to technology for all pupils and teachers that
19 participate in the program, ensure that pupil participants meet
20 state standards in all areas tested for the federal No Child Left
21 Behind Act of 2001 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.), and ensure
22 teachers are proficient in technology-based learning.

1 (c) It is further the intent of the Legislature that one-to-one
2 laptop computer programs operated pursuant to this chapter offer
3 the following:

4 (1) Diversity in educational opportunity through
5 technology-based learning.

6 (2) Pupil access to individual laptop computers on a regular
7 basis.

8 (3) Teacher training in technology-based learning.

9 58527. (a) The Superintendent shall administer this chapter.

10 (b) A school district may submit an application to the
11 Superintendent to receive a grant for the establishment of, or to
12 support the continuation of, an existing one-to-one laptop
13 computer program pursuant to this chapter, including the
14 acquisition of laptop computers and related equipment, teacher
15 training, curriculum development, and ongoing program
16 implementation. To be eligible to receive a grant under this
17 chapter, a school district shall demonstrate that the one-to-one
18 laptop program for which the school district has applied for a
19 grant meets all of the following requirements:

20 (1) Enrollment in the one-to-one laptop program is voluntary.

21 (2) A plan for training and professional development is in
22 place for teachers participating in the program.

23 (3) A plan for conducting an annual evaluation of the program
24 is in place, which includes, but is not limited to, a description of
25 program implementation and laptop use; a summary of teacher,
26 pupil, parent, and legal guardian opinions of the laptop program;
27 an examination of attendance, discipline, and test score data; and
28 an analysis of the benefits and challenges of the laptop program.

29 (c) (1) The Superintendent shall award grants to five applicant
30 school districts for the establishment of a one-to-one laptop
31 computer program in each of the selected school districts. The
32 proposed program may be implemented in an entire school or
33 schools, as a separate class group within a school or schools, or
34 any combination thereof.

35 (2) Grant recipients shall be selected on a competitive basis. In
36 selecting grant recipients, the Superintendent shall do all of the
37 following:

38 (A) The Superintendent shall consider whether the one-to-one
39 laptop program for which the grant application is submitted
40 meets the requirements set forth in subdivision (b).

1 (B) The Superintendent shall select grant recipients from
2 among those applicant school districts that have clearly
3 demonstrated the expected benefits of one-to-one laptop
4 computer education in the proposed program and how a
5 one-to-one laptop computer program will meet the unique
6 educational needs of the pupils and communities they serve.

7 (C) The Superintendent shall give preference to applicant
8 school districts that demonstrate expected benefits based upon
9 historical data in existing programs.

10 58528. (a) The governing board of a school district receiving
11 a grant pursuant to this chapter may establish a one-to-one laptop
12 program as part of a regular education program pursuant to its
13 general power established under Section 35160, as an alternative
14 school program pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section
15 58500), or as part of both kinds of programs.

16 (b) This chapter does not preclude the governing board of a
17 school district from adopting a policy allowing pupils who enroll
18 in the one-to-one laptop program to purchase or lease a laptop
19 computer, pursuant to the authority granted in Article 3
20 (commencing with Section 17450) of Chapter 4 of Part 10.5.
21 This chapter also does not preclude the governing board of a
22 school district receiving a grant pursuant to this chapter from
23 using grant funds to supplement contributions received pursuant
24 to the board policy if a substantial number of parents or legal
25 guardians of pupils in the district have elected to purchase or
26 lease laptops under the board policy.

27 (c) Laptop computers provided as part of a one-to-one laptop
28 computer program established pursuant to this chapter are not
29 instructional materials subject to the provisions of Article 4.7
30 (commencing with Section 35181) of Chapter 2 of Part 21.

31 58529. This chapter shall become inoperative on July 1,
32 2012, and, as of January 1, 2013, is repealed, unless a later
33 enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1,
34 2013, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes
35 inoperative and is repealed.